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Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Buses filled the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School parking lot as students returned to classes on Sept. 4.

Students file in for another school year

By Matthew Desrosiers

The sound of the morning bell officially called a close to summer and an opening to classes in schools around the Highlands on Sept. 4.

Dan Marsden, principal of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, was out to greet his students as they got off their buses for another year at HHSS.

"[There's] nervous excitement, as always," he said. Marsden said the new Grade 9 students should be able to make the transition relatively well.

"We try to do a lot to help them," he said. "We've met with the Grade 9s on our link day. We've been up to our feeder

schools to meet with the students there."

Besides programs, Marsden said the students can rely on each other to help them adapt to their new surroundings.

"I think being from a small community, a lot of kids know other kids, so that helps out as well. We have a tight-knit community here so it helps with our kids' transition."

Alysson Denyer, 14, started Grade 9 this year.

"I think I'm going to get lost," she said, admitting she was also feeling nervous on her first day.

Denyer said she has barely had time to go through the school, and only a few of her friends have joined her at HHSS. However, as a musician and an athlete, Denver already has plans to get involved at the school.

"[I don't want to] totally change as a person," she said. "[I want] to learn a lot, and stay athletic too."

Denyer plays the flute. She also intends to play volleyball and curl this year at HHSS.

Marsden said it's great to watch the students develop from their first day.

"It's always good to see our Grade 12s as they've progressed through Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12," he said. "They get older, more mature, and their goals become more of a focus for

As for the Grade 12s, Marsden hopes they, as always, attend class, but also that they keep their goals in mind and do their best to follow through on them.



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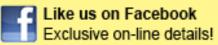
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The Fabricius property gate on Deep Bay Road in Minden Hills.

Council approves private gate on county land

By Lisa Harrison

Controversy over county land on Deep Bay Road in Minden Hills has continued despite a July county council resolution.

At council's Aug. 29 meeting, Public Works Director Doug Ray reported Rolf and Tania Fabricius, Gull Lake cottagers who built their parking lot partly on county land, are rehabilitating the land as required by the July resolution.

The couple thought the land was fully private when they built the lot. The county owns about one-third. Neighbouring cottagers Christopher and Andrea Brock disputed this use of county land, saying it affected their access to the lake and devalued neighbouring properties.

Ray said the Brocks have now focused on the Fabricius driveway gate. It encroaches on county land by 0.6 metres at one post and 4.2 metres at the other because the property line angles back sharply.

"Anybody who has a driveway from the county road to their own property crosses county land," said Ray. He added the gate is parallel to the road as it should be and is actually in the best location because if it were moved back, other vehicles could access both the Fabricius and county properties.

"So as far as I'm concerned the gate is in a good spot," he told council. "It's not causing anyone any harm. It's not interfering with the Brocks or any of the other neighbours."

"I think looking at the property too, it would be impossible to relocate that gate on the Fabricius property because it narrows so much and you're right where the land slopes off to the boathouse," said Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid. "More than 50 per cent of the land is in the process of being restored and there is lots of room for Mr. Brock to get to the lake."

Reid asked if Ray had examples of similar county land use he could give the Brocks to show them it's not uncommon. Ray said the county has many incidences.

Warden Murray Fearrey asked Ray to arrange for a legal document giving Fabricius formal permission to site the gate on county land in order to protect the county.

Ray agreed, adding the county would be able to rescind it at any time.

County requests funds for Rail Trail

By Lisa Harrison

The county's request for federal funding for Rail Trail upgrades has now been submitted and the annual Enduro bike event is on track, Public Works Director Doug Ray told council at its Aug. 29 meeting.

Ray advised council if the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund approves the funding request, the county will be required to contribute \$231,000 to the program, about two-thirds of the \$350,000 total cost of improvements.

Those improvements include replacement or repair of drainage culverts along the trail and repair and/or replacement of trestle decking, handrails and structural components at Howland Junction.

Trail-related calls to Public Works in July included notification of illegal use of the trail by a side-by-side, yard damage by a motocross bike and a 4x4, and a decline in trail quality since high speed internet was installed in the area

Public Works staff members have been recording trail areas that need attention, including trail surfaces, drainage structures and signage.

"By the time budget comes around we'll have some good estimates," Ray told council.

Ray said this year's Enduro bike event is also coming

"They've promised to come a day early and put the signs up and be there and have the signs taken down and their insurance is in place."

The 59th Corduroy Three-Day Enduro is scheduled from Sept. 21 to 23 with events starting from Gooderham.



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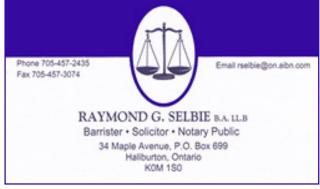
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Housing survey results trickle in

By Lisa Harrison

Did you receive a housing survey in the mail this summer?

The results of the outreach will be revealed in draft form to the county's steering committee on Sept. 26 following the county council meeting.

The county retained SHS Consultants in May to conduct the housing demand and supply analysis, for which more than 1,800 households received a survey, as part of a new development strategy for Highlands housing. Along with the surveys of permanent and seasonal residents SHS has conducted focus groups and interviews with key stakeholders and gathered provincial data.

The consultants are analyzing areas such as affordable housing, secondary (in-law) suites, permanent versus seasonal residences, student housing, work/ live options and assisted living options. Based on the study results they'll also recommend new policies and programs.

Among other benefits, the data will help the county demonstrate the unique requirements of the region.

Planning Director Jane Tousaw told council at its Aug. 29 meeting more than 425 responses to the mail-out surveys had been received to date.

She reported U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research is willing

to propose a related study project for the student research program at Trent University. If accepted it would save significant staff hours.

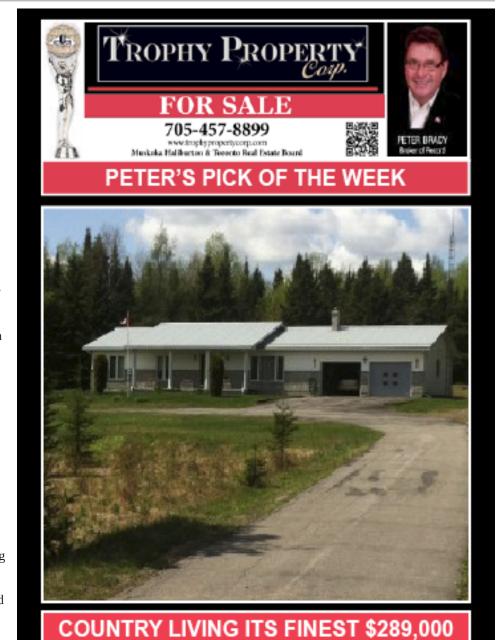
"It would be to go in and look at the settlement areas, to map what the current uses are, to look at all the vacant lands to find out where the services are to them and to identify areas for growth," said Tousaw. "Then that information can be provided to the municipalities so that they can take a look at it and we can get this done."

Tousaw said it may be possible to have a final year or Master's student conduct the research and the professors will be asked to guarantee final accuracy.

"I think it's a great opportunity," said Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid, while acknowledging there is no guarantee the projects will be selected for the program.

Council passed a resolution authorizing staff to submit the proposals to U-Links and also to assess the development potential of vacant lands based on the research results.

The two-year housing and growth management study is required by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for land use planning and development. The first public workshop to gather input for the housing strategy study is scheduled for Oct. 23.





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Editorial opinion

School board drops the ball

The summer is over.

I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but there it is. Don't shoot the messenger.

I knew it was that time when, standing in the parking lot of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, I was almost overrun by buses full of students rushing to their first day of classes.

It brought me back to my own days in school. While I always hated having to go back, the first day of school usually landing on or very near my birthday, there were some positives to look forward to. First was seeing friends I had been missing all summer. Second was seeing girls I had been missing all summer. And third was sports.

High school sports, to be precise. During my time in secondary school, I

played (using the term loosely) basketball, football, baseball, rugby and tennis. If I had wanted to, I could have expanded to track and field, hockey, volleyball, and soccer. The only thing that was required of me was a consent form signed by my parents, and I could play just about any sport I wanted to at the high school level.

I quickly learned which sports I enjoyed (most of them), and which I didn't (soccer).

More importantly, I developed into a strong team player. I learned the importance of sportsmanship, respect and discipline, and it got me away from those awful video games conservative parents warn you about.

So it was with some dismay that I looked at this year's high school registration form and noticed an athletic fee requirement to sign up for sports.

It's \$50 to play a single sport in the year. An additional \$30 allows your son or daughter to play two sports, and if you are



By Matthew Desrosiers

willing to pay \$100, they can sign up for three or more sports.

The fee covers the costs of transportation, awards, some uniforms, and a banquet. Without it, the school couldn't afford to compete in these sports, which is understandable.

Understandable, but still terribly sad. It's bad enough league sports like hockey are prohibitively expensive for many two-income families, to the point where they often have to ask their child to choose between one sport or another, or encourage other interests.

But in a public school system where every few years we debate whether school uniforms should be introduced, to create a sense of equality among students, to then turn around and deny their potential and growth based on spending power is deplorable.

This is the same school board that is encouraging people to raise funds for school supplies because many of its students can't afford them. If you don't think your students can afford \$20 to buy pencils and paper, how can you expect them to pay \$100 to enjoy sports with their friends?

These things cost money, yes. But there was a time people understood the importance of sport to a young person and included it in his or her education. It was a cost that was accepted because of the benefits provided to the student.

My best memories of high school were on the field of play. It's tragic to deny that to today's students because an accountant somewhere couldn't figure out how to pencil it into the budget.

Calling all Highlanders

The Phonebook Project. It seemed like such an obvious idea, we had assumed it had been done many times before. Surprisingly, a quick online search proved otherwise — there doesn't seem to be anything like it.

The premise of the project is simple: everyone has a story. Rarely, however, does that story get told.

The media, small like us or big like the national papers, tends to cover those who make news, news being defined as something interesting or meaningful in the context of the media outlet's coverage mandate. Justin Trudeau can bank on getting coverage in the Globe and Mail when he picks up his dry cleaning, just as MP Barry Devolin will be covered by our local papers whenever he says something relevant to the Highlands — each is "important" in national and local news media respectively, though sometimes what gets reported is not very important at all.

It's assumed by the media that everyone else — your next door neighbour, the guy working at the gas station, your kid's elementary school teacher — is not important, that nobody would want to read about the life experiences of anyone except the famous or powerful.

We disagree with that assumption. It's not just that every person is important; each person is interesting. Ask the right questions, talk to someone long enough, and I guarantee you'll find something worth remembering and repeating. I discovered this volunteering for Canoe FM. Nobody believed I could talk to a guest for a full hour, the length of my show, but I did. All the time. When you're interested in something, it becomes interesting.

Earlier in the summer, I met a guy who sells cottage equipment. In the process of telling him the benefits of advertising with us, I asked how he happened to get into that particular business. It was a bit of an accident, he said. He had been a physicist working on subatomic particles but could no longer stand it. Politics, he said.

Politics? In particle physics?

Yes, he confirmed, and went on to explain the cutthroat world of scientific research. He showed me his thesis and explained the intricacies of his work in language I tried very hard to understand. We talked for 45 minutes about the universe, the very, very large and the very, very small of it. He told me how he didn't get credit for a major

discovery he had made and how it had hurt him to have worked so hard without reward. That's what got him to cottage country, from the fantastical physics of Planck to the more pedestrian calculations of Newton. Once here, there were family feuds and other obstacles — enough stories for a novel.

I knew another guy, a journalist originally from the Australian outback. He grew up on a farm in the middle of nowhere, and if I tell you how he castrated the sheep you might lose your lunch. In his early twenties, he met a woman who was traveling and moved back with her to Europe. Unable to work in his profession, he got a job at a carrot factory, inspecting the carrots.

All day, the carrots would go by on the conveyor belt. Big carrots, small carrots, round ones, pointy ones and oblong ones. Each had to be instantly assessed and categorized. Not only was it boring, he couldn't even understand his colleagues — they didn't speak English. He'd come home from work with carrots on the brain, dreaming of them floating by, endlessly, forever. Well, not forever. He studied hard and learned the language — better than most natives — got a job as a journalist and had two kids. Eventually he was hired by one of the big news agencies in the capital of a European country. That is, until he was made redundant. Last I heard he was working in the press office of Greenpeace.

Each of us has stories to tell. Whether they're stories of triumph or tales of tragedy, everyone has a life that is unique. The challenge for the journalist is to find those stories and articulate them in a way that others will find interesting to read. Nobody's saying it's easy — just that it's worthwhile. The personal is epic. You play the lead role in your life story.

Every two weeks, we'll choose a name at random from the phonebook. If the person we call isn't available or prefers not to participate, we'll go down the column until we find a subject. We hope you'll find the profiles worth reading.

At the very least, we hope the project gets you thinking about your story. I'm sure it's a good one.

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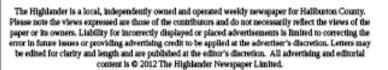






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Letters to the Editor



Photo by Johnathan James

A quiet day on the Gull River.

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Lesson of giving

Dear editor,

I just read your publisher's column "An embarrassment of riches" (See The Highlander, Issue 44, pg. 4)

I absolutely agree with your last paragraph. This community should be very ashamed at the amount of poverty that exists in the area.

And you are right about the money being spent on refurbishing an airplane. However, your perception on who should be able to give back to the community and who should not is somewhat off kilter.

There are always going to be those who have and those who don't. But not all who have are prepared to help those who don't. It is the idea of giving that is the message here.

The children who packed those knapsacks learned about giving through their parents and will continue to give when they become adults.

You take issue with how it was done. I didn't read anything in your editorial that suggested others were prepared to help out in any way. Why shouldn't families who go to summer camp in Haliburton want to give back to the community?

My guess is that any child receiving supplies for school is going to be thrilled. Your suggestion that they will feel like a charity case is an adult concept and not one that a six or seven year old is going to have. It is comments like "charity case, objects of pity" made by adults that creates those kinds of labels.

Why not get on the backs of the politicians rather than on those who are at least trying to make a difference by giving a little kid something to feel good about when they back to school?

Lynda Stoller, Koshlong Lake

A veritable plague of iPads, iPods and iPhones

Dear editor,

I am a year-round resident of Haliburton County, living a few kilometres directly north of Gooderham on a small lake. I depend on my computer and Internet connection as an essential means of daily personal communication and contact. Lately, this has become seriously jeopardized because of grossly inadequate Bell Canada towers, and a surplus of demand allegedly caused by seasonal visitors. Allow me to explain.

When I moved here eight years ago, I inquired about 'high speed' Internet availability. I was assured by Bell that my location would be serviced by fibre optic cable within two years; meanwhile, I would have to make do with 'dial-up'. Several years ago, high speed wire service did come to Gooderham, but only to those few who lived along the main road. Bell then said there would be no extension of that service; to me, just a sadly broken promise.

I put up with dial-up until constant problems with breakdowns on regular telephone lines became unbearable. My only option was to purchase a 'turbo stick' to gain a mobile high speed service — an additional expense for equipment as well as increased monthly rates, often over

\$100 per month. That has worked fairly well until this past year, but service has now deteriorated to the point where it is often slower than the old dial-up. How can this be? I have an up-to-date excellent computer with full anti-virus protection. I supposedly have Bell's best 'turbo' device. I am paying very high fees, yet my connection speeds are running about one to five per cent of what they should be. Yes, that's right – I have lost 95-99 per cent of the service level I should be receiving – this according to Bell's own speed check tests.

The answer, according to Bell, is that there are just too many people with too many mobile devices all trying to access the two communication towers nearest me at the same time. The towers are at Tory Hill and Haas Lake. Bell tells me that the three 'pods' on the Tory Hill tower are incapable of bearing the loads they are being asked to carry. This results in 'blockage'. Yesterday (Sept. 2), two of the three pods at Tory Hill were 'blocked' at 11a.m., and incapable of effective service; the third pod was fluctuating between blockage and service. It was suggested to me that the towers had been built to service the 16,000 residents of Haliburton. This, of course, completely overlooks and totally disregards the fact that Haliburton's summertime population is closer to 250,000.

Today, cottage families show up loaded with their wireless

devices: Mom and Dad each have a cell phone, and so do the kids, along with an Ipad, Ipod, laptop computer and wireless tv. It seems that Internet mobile communication hereabouts becomes virtually impossible because of the overloaded systems. We are suffering from a virtual plague of Ipads. These summertime Internet 'locusts' are gobbling up the system, to the dismay of regular users who can no longer access the essential daily communication resources we already excessively pay for.

I grow sadly disillusioned the more I hear politicians brag about improving badly needed high speed wireless communication services for this area; it just ain't happening. Third World countries are better served than we are here in Haliburton, and what we do have is diminishing every day as thousands of seasonal visitors text, sext, and cell phone our few available resources to death. All of us suffer from this lack of services and equipment. Both Bell and Telus share those towers; all their customers lose out. Fire, ambulance and others also use those services. This situation needs rectifying. Now.

Roger Young, Highlands East

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Highlander opinions

Eye on the street:

Alexandra Yake

HHSS

It is great to see all my friends! I love doing art, music and drama. I play field hockey and badminton, soccer, and I'm on the figure skating team. So lots of sports.

Brandon Newbatt

HHSS

It's ok. My brother is here now so I have to watch to make sure he doesn't do anything to embarrass my parents. It's great to see all my friends again.



How do you feel about being back to school?



Hunter McTeague

HHSS

I'm very happy to see all my friends again but it feels like we never left. Auto is my favourite subject because we learn new things and it is something we've never had at school before.

Noelle Russel

HHSS

I think it is great to see all my friends but school is harder every year. My favourite subject is art and I do well at it.





Shay-Lynn Hutchings

HHSS

I'm happy to be back and see my friends. It is nice to have a regular routine but I am not excited about the stress of school work.

THE PHONEBOOK PROJECT: $oldsymbol{\mathsf{A}}$ nthon

By Matthew Desrosiers

an you imagine paying \$3 per foot of waterfront property on any lake in the Highlands? When Ted Anthon's parents decided to purchase land in the county back in 1946, locals said they were ripped off for paying that price on Mountain Lake.

Fast-forward 66 years to 2012, and Ted will tell you his parents got the deal of a lifetime

"I grew up as a kid cottaging here," he said. "My dad was Norwegian. He immigrated to Canada when he was 21. After he married my mom, a friend of theirs moved up to Kashagawigamog Lake and our family used to go up there and pitch a tent and canoe."

Ted's parents enjoyed their time in the Highlands so much, they decided to look around for a property of their own to pitch their tent and leave a canoe.

"That was the whole goal," he said. They found the property on Mountain Lake. The owner, a lawyer in Lindsay, refused to sell his remaining lots individually, and so the Anthon's were forced to decide. Either they purchase four building lots for \$3 per foot, or look elsewhere.

"After humming and hawing, they didn't have much money but they really liked the lake, so they decided to spring for it," Ted said. "That's how we ended up here."

He spent his summers working for Sam Labarge, selling hamburgers and soft drinks at Labarge's establishment.

"I used to kill chickens on the weekends for Sunday dinner for Sam's guests," he said. "It was a summer job. A crazy mixed job, though."

During his adult life, Ted lived in Toronto working as a mechanical engineer in manufacturing. There, he met his wife, Jeanne.

The couple celebrated their 50^{th} anniversary on Aug. 18.

"We were walking down Yonge Street, my sister and I, and met [Ted and his friend]," Jeanne said. "My sister knew his friend. They called for dates the same night."

Ted and Jeanne have been happily married since. They have two daughters. One is a teacher in Peel, while the other is an interior designer who works out of Toronto and London, England.

They also have two grandchildren. Jeanne, who taught private piano lessons professionally, decided to call it quits after 25 years. She talked to her husband, who agreed it was time to retire.

Where else to go than the family property on Mountain Lake? The pair moved to the Highlands in 1991 from Mississauga.

"When we retired there was still an empty lot," Jeanne said. "We said we'd put our permanent home here."

Ted played a major role in the construction of their new home. For the first year of retirement, however, the Anthon's stayed in one of the family cottages.

"We lived in the cottage for a year, which was interesting in the middle of winter with no insulation," Jeanne said.

After the first year of construction, the new house was suitable to live in. Ted said it took him another five years after that to complete the building.

Despite moving to the Highlands to retire, however, the Anthon's did anything but slow down.

Jeanne, having been involved with the lake association as a cottager and at one time being president of the Ontario Federation of Cottagers, decided she wanted to try her hand at municipal politics.

"If we were retiring up here, I wanted to get involved in something special and challenging," she said. "I was determined to represent everyone."

"She got into political mode," Ted said. "When the election came up here, and we were moving up, she knocked on every door that didn't have a mean dog and talked to local residents about her desire to be a representative."



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Ted and Jeanne Anthon in front of their Mountain Lake home.

Jeanne won and spent the next three years as a councillor. She also spent six years as reeve of Minden, prior to amalgamation, and one year as county warden.

"I thoroughly enjoyed [those years]," she said. "We had some difficult times because we ended up moving into amalgamation of the three municipalities. That was a very challenging time."

Jeanne retired from politics in 2000 after overseeing the amalgamation of Minden, Lutterworth and Snowdon into what is now known as Minden Hills.

She relied on Ted for support during her years in politics.

"I often bounced things off [him] and had [his] support," she said. "[I] depended on his knowledge of business and dealing with unions and staff and all those things. It was really helpful."

Even after leaving politics, Jeanne still wanted to be involved. She is the current president of Community Care Haliburton County, a Rotarian, and was on the Haliburton Hospital board.

"I like being involved in the

community," she said. "I can't imagine sitting back and not being part of activities locally."

For his part, Ted also gives back to the community through his work on the board of the Staanworth Non-profit Housing Corporation.

While the Anthon's are active in the community, they look forward to their time spent together at home with their family. They are able to share the land Ted grew up on with both daughters, who purchased adjacent buildings on the property.

"We have a lovely family enclave here," Jeanne said.

During the summer, the daughters try to be around as much as possible, which gives the Anthon's an opportunity to spend time with their grandchildren.

"It's wonderful," Jeanne said. "Our summers are pretty hectic, but in a wonderful way."



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Minden says no to fairground housing

By Will Jones

The feeling was unanimous.

Person after person stood up and voiced their concern about plans that could see affordable housing built upon part of the Minden Fairground at a town hall meeting on Aug. 29.

The topic was the most contentious and opposed at the meeting called by Minden Hills council to discuss the village development master plan.

Drawn up by Bracebridge-based consultant AECOM, the draft master plan addresses numerous issues including affordable housing development, traffic congestion, accessibility, streetscape improvements and signage. The consultant had previously presented ideas to council at its Aug. 9 committee of the whole meeting. The meeting gave Minden residents an opportunity to weigh-in on those ideas before any decisions get made.

The community centre was packed with locals as AECOM landscape architect Gina Brouwer explained the various elements of the master plan. She talked of increasing the resident population and attracting more people downtown; of unifying the signage and identity of the 'village' and improving safety on the roads and accessibility for the disabled. After her presentation, the meeting was turned over to the floor with Reeve Barb Reid taking questions on a topic by topic basis.

First up was the identification of potential development areas within the village. Reid explained that if the council was to work with the Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton Housing Corporation then it had to have land available to donate for any construction project. To this end, AECOM had identified potential sites owned by the municipality – the fairground, land behind Invergorden Avenue and the existing site of the fire hall, if it is moved as per current proposals.

Members of the public immediately took exception with the fairground being used.

"You're not serious!" exclaimed the first speaker from the floor. "Events like the ice racing and bluegrass festival would be badly affected if you built on the fairground."

"Events bring in new people, new people bring in money and money brings jobs. Taking away part of our prime location for such events would be disastrous," said another.

The 1976 bylaw that provided the fairground to the municipality was also quoted; it stating that the fairground



Photo by Will Jones

Local residents review the master plan proposals prior to the town hall meeting

should be maintained as a park and fairground, and that the municipality had a duty to protect the land from future development.

"I think I'm seeing a theme here," Reid said.

After asking for a show of hands for all those in favour of eliminating the fairground as a potential development site from the master plan, she said that the site would be struck from the master plan.

Almost as eagerly debated was the proposal to put stop lights at the Bobcageon Road/Newcastle Street intersection and make Water Street one way with traffic flowing to the north (towards Highway 35). The proposals were put forward to try to eliminate dangerous junctions at either end of the downtown core and the reeve explained that solutions had been looked into for over 30 years.

"Do we have a traffic safety problem in the downtown core?" asked Reid. "Yes. What is the best solution? AECOM has worked through all the options and this is the one we

believe is preferable."

Many of the assembled residents did not agree, however. And, while they could not agree on an alternative plan, they made it clear that the council and consultant should go back and consider the proposal again.

Proposals for signage, accessibility, a new playground in the village green area and general streetscape works were looked upon more favourably and debate upon them was limited to a few comments.

The meeting ran for a full two hours, until Reid called an end to the gathering.

"We'd like to thank you for coming here tonight, for your enthusiasm and participation," she said. "This is the largest town hall meeting we've ever had and I believe we've made some very good progress."

AECOM will now review the master plan, taking on board the public input, analyze the phasing and costs of preferred options and prepare a final report.

The Outsider — Hubris and horsing around

"Nay, Nay, Naaay!" That's the sound of what, a constipated horse or dissenting politicians in a British Parliamentary debate? To me both sound the same. In fact, as far as I'm concerned constipated horses usually make more sense than politicians. That is how I feel about the shenanigans of government big and small, from the big bucks beating biological disaster in Canada's west, to arguments about murals of hockey players in Haliburton and new one way streets in Minden. All of it leaves me cold.

Or I thought it did.

The recent emotional outcry from neighbours of the new Tim Hortons development in Haliburton village brought politics and personal passions into conflict and it was really interesting to see how it was dealt with. There was division within the ranks of Dysart council, an unusual occurrence on Reeve Fearrey's watch, and, although he got his way, he was made to work for his double double by both constituents and elected officials alike.

For me, it elevated the normally mundane monthly meetings at Dysart from, 'jees, I gotta cover council again' to 'hey, I wonder who's gonna get their ear chewed off today!'

And that brings me to the recent town hall meeting in Minden. A public gathering to discuss how to develop the village, increase resident numbers, get more tourists to visit... generally, to turn Minden from backwater into bushy-tailed community and holiday destination. A great idea, I'm sure all will agree.

Or maybe not.

You see, politics are involved. With politics come politicians, those outspoken individuals who, for better or worse, believe their ideas about what should happen on a municipal, provincial, federal or global level are the right ones. Our only defence against these views is our vote. We can give a big Yes, or 'Aye', as the braying buffoons in British parliament would shout. Or, we can 'Nay' like that bunged-up nag, take a well shod hoof and kick 'em out at the first opportunity. But, if we vote for the politicians in the first place we really should give them a chance to make a change, democratically of course, before we start braying and kicking like ill-mannered mules.

Not minutes after the Minden Village master plan had been presented at the town hall meeting did the naysayers start yawping. From the back of the room, hidden high in the bleachers, they pooh-poohed every idea, they rubbished every suggestion. And the crowd encouraged them with whistles and whoons

There were valid points raised, by residents truly engaged and enraged by the proposals of the master plan, but there were far more negative barbs flying at Barb, the erstwhile reeve

We had an audition by a stand-up comedian halfway through the meeting. Taking the microphone, this local face launched into a diatribe full of witty ditties but devoid of any constructive criticism. The crowd loved it. Minden Village was no further to becoming a bustling community because of it

There were many raucous rants about the plans proposed but there were precious few good alternatives brought to the table by local residents. The thing is good ideas don't get big laughs. Putting down what the council has suggested always gets a cheer, though.

At the meeting's end the reeve

thanked everyone for coming and said some good progress had been made. I'm sure she meant it but I wonder how her expectations of what good progress is have been dampened over her time in office.

Minden, I know some of you don't agree with what the council has to say but you really have to put aside that the reeve is not your buddy of 30 years anymore. You really have to get over the fact that they didn't employ the clerk that you thought they should. You really have to understand that politics is changing and that they do things differently nowadays.

You elected your council. You can un-elect them too but for Pete's sake give them a fair crack of the whip while they are in office. At the moment you seem far more interested in shouting down every suggestion.

Minden, you make politics entertaining for me, but that's because you look and sound like a crotchety old carthorse with a cork stuck up its arse. "Nay Nay," I constantly hear you say!



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Highlander environment

Haliburton County's Hot Reads
The following are the top five fiction and non-fiction titles as requested this week at the Haliburton County Public Library.

HCPL's TOP FIVE FICTION

- 1. Fifty Shades of Grey by E.L. James
- 2. Stray Bullets by Robert Rotenberg **
- 3. Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn
- 4. The Red House by Mark Haddon
- 5. The Third Gate by Lincoln Child

HCPL's TOP FIVE NON-FICTION

- 1. Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail by Cheryl Strayed
- 2. Wheat Belly: Lose the Wheat, Lose the Weight, and Find Your
- Path Back to Health by William Davis
- 3. Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Won't Stop Talking by Susan Cain
- 4. Thinking Fast and Slow by Daniel Kahneman
- 5. The Wealthy Barber Returns by David Chilton

Fans of the signature family drama and unusual narrative of Mark Haddon, author of The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, should note that he has a brand new book – and it is already on our most popular fiction list.

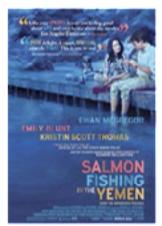
The Red House follows eight members of a dysfunctional, mostly unhappy, family as they gather at a vacation home in the English countryside. Richard, a wealthy doctor, has just re-married and inherited a willful stepdaughter in the process. Angela, his sister, has a good-for-nothing husband and three children who she simply cannot understand. The stage is set for seven days of resentment and guilt, a staple of family gatherings the world over.

This quirky and comically intimate read is available in print, e-book and talking book formats at the Library. If you enjoyed Freedom by Jonathan Franzen, or any of Haddon's previous novels, this may be a good choice for you.

Library News: Free computer classes will be offered at the Haliburton County Public Library this fall. Starting Sept. 18, these classes will be run bi-weekly on Tuesdays from 12-1 p.m. in Minden, and Thursdays from 10-11 a.m. in Dysart. Topics that will be covered include: computer basics, web searching, Gmail, finding what to read next, and social media tool use. Call Amanda at 705-457-2241 to register.

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Protecting source water could come at high cost

By Lisa Harrison

Highlands source water protection costs are estimated at \$1.3 million over five years in an initial business plan created by the Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Region.

Minden Hills has the highest estimate at \$732,584 followed by Highlands East at \$517,738 and the County of Haliburton at

Jane Tousaw, the county's planning director, reported the figures to county council at its Aug. 29 meeting

She said the plan did not include estimates for Algonquin Highlands or Dysart et al because they are not seen as having any significant threat to drinking water.

"That is not the message that Lake Simcoe is being given," said Tousaw. "So there's inconsistency there about whether or not you're going to have to have at least motherhood policies. So you may still have some costs but those aren't being recognized in this.'

The Trent Conservation Coalition oversees the Kawartha-Haliburton Source Protection Area. The Trent region source water protection plan was submitted to the Ministry of Environment (MOE) in August as part of the Clean Water Act.

Tousaw told council some implementation costs will have to be borne by system users.

"So for a very small system, that's going to be a sizable cost depending on what it is," she said. "If there's no funding from the province for implementation it's really going to hit those municipalities that have invested in municipal water systems almost a backlash for having gone that way."

"It's a penalty for doing the right thing," said Fearrey.

"And those costs are to start," added Tousaw. "You're basically looking at five years [but] those costs are going to be ongoing costs. Some of them are going continue."

"What's the reaction from the other areas?" Fearrey asked. "This is the time to band together and say, 'No, we're not accepting this, we're not going to do this if you want to do it, you take it over, you run it."

Tousaw said she understood all 19 source protection regions had written similar letters to the MOE regarding funding and business plans.

"They have banded together," said Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton, who sits on the Trent committee. "It's scarv because we don't seem to be getting any cooperation from the Ministry or the provincial government at all."

"Well, maybe that's something that the Ontario wardens need to weigh in on," said Fearrey. "It's one thing to ask for funding but it's another thing to stop the downloading."

The Trent business plan estimates are based on implementation of all policies within five years from the approval date and do not include land purchase or appeal costs, cost recovery, or efficiencies achieved in partnering with other municipalities or delegating the responsibility to a conservation authority.

The Clean Water Act requires local communities to assess existing and potential threats to their water and devise and implement actions to reduce or eliminate them; empowers communities to act to prevent threats from becoming significant; requires public participation on every local source protection plan; and requires all plans and actions to be based on sound science.

County adopts tree preservation bylaw

By Lisa Harrison

County council has adopted the shoreline tree preservation bylaw following formal delegation of authority by the lower tier municipalities.

The lower tiers had no changes during their review of the final draft, and Minden Hills returned its decision to council earlier than expected, so the bylaw passed at the Aug. 29 meeting.

Planning Director Jane Tousaw reported creation of bylaw and forestry information materials may be accepted as student projects through U-Links Centre for

Community-Based Research working with Trent University and/or the University of Toronto's Faculty of Forestry.

Tousaw recommended the county pursue this opportunity and councillors agreed.

The bylaw governs the removal or injuring of all trees with a diameter of 10 centimetres or more along all county lands within 30 metres of a waterway, with some exceptions.

It is intended to prevent unnecessary tree removal, in great part to eliminate clear-cutting, which can damage lake and wildlife systems.

Highlander food

Market moves to new Haliburton location

By Matthew Desrosiers

The Haliburton Farmer's Market is trying something new this fall.

"We were asked by council to come to Haliburton [Village] this year," said Wilma Thomson, market board member. "We decided that because things were going so well in Carnarvon, we shouldn't move for the whole year but would give it a try for the month of September."

Normally found on Fridays in front of That Place in Carnarvon, the market has moved to Rotary Beach Park in Haliburton from Sept. 7 to Oct. 5. It will now be open from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Fridays.

"That way, anybody that's working until five would have the opportunity to come shop," Thomson said. "Our usual hours are 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., so this way working people would have access to the vendors as well."

Thomson said the fair has done very well in Carnarvon. The vendors are pleased and many people stop in week after week. There is some concern that moving to the new location may have a negative impact on the market.

"Rotary Park isn't too much out of the way, [but] will people see us?" she said. "Have they heard enough about us to know we're here? Will there be enough interest?"

While some of the vendors are happy to take their chances in the village, others

aren't as excited. A lot depends on how much the locals want the market to succeed, Thomson said.

"In Carnarvon we have a lot of people that come through on the way to their cottages," she said. "The question would be how much do local people want a market here? There will be more local people, but maybe not as much through-traffic from cottagers who tend to come that way."

"It just depends upon what the local people want. If they want a farmer's market, then we hope to see them out."

Some of the benefits of having the market in Haliburton include a greater population and the central location within the county. Whether or not the market comes back to Haliburton next year, or makes a permanent move, depends upon how successful this month is, Thomson said.

"That would have to be discussed," she said. "We can't make a decision until we know what happens, and we would also have to include our vendors in the decision. It's not just up to the board."

On Sept. 7, the first market day at the new Haliburton location, Dunham Harps, a group of harpists, will be entertaining patrons as they make their way among the vendors.

"We would like to encourage those who would like a farmer's market to come out and support it," Thomson said. "We have quite a variety of vendors."

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Peterborough County requests ORNGE base

By Lisa Harrison

Moving ORNGE's central Ontario air ambulance program to Peterborough could cut response times to Highlands hospitals in half, county council heard at its Aug. 29 meeting.

The County of Peterborough is seeking support for a request to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to reconsider establishing a permanent ORNGE base at Peterborough Municipal Airport.

Haliburton county council passed a resolution supporting the request.

Pat Kennedy, director of emergency services, reported Haliburton County is primarily serviced by ORNGE helicopters from the Billy Bishop Island Airport on Toronto Island. Alternate resources may be assigned from Ottawa or Sudbury if required.

Response times to hospitals are 45 minutes for Haliburton and 42 minutes for Minden, but according to Kennedy those times could easily be cut in half through relocation to Peterborough.

The most recent ORNGE data available, according to Kennedy's report, shows the air service was used 96 times for transfers

from Highlands hospitals or from the scene between April 1, 2009 and March 31, 2010. Only Peterborough had a higher incidence of use in the central region.

ORNGE's plans to move the central Ontario satellite service from Billy Bishop to Hamilton have been scrapped, as have subsequent plans to move to Oshawa.

Kennedy reported Peterborough's airport has undergone extensive renovations and can now accommodate all three ORNGE transport types (fixed wing, rotary, and land) and enhancement of available services on-site. It was previously used as the ORNGE repair and maintenance site.

"ORNGE used to have a place for air ambulance in July and August at Muskoka Airport, which certainly helped response times here," said Kennedy. "If Peterborough does get this then that [Muskoka location] wouldn't be necessary."

Warden Murray Fearrey and Kennedy agreed locating the air service in Peterborough also makes sense because ORNGE operates a critical care land ambulance program out of Peterborough Regional Health Centre, serving both Haliburton County and Lindsay.



Senior Highlanders



Photo submitted by Bob Stinson

Left to right: Peter Minaki, director, Richard Hansen, director, Dani Stahle, vice-chair, Allen Brown, secretary treasurer, Bob Stinson, chair, and MP Barry Devolin at the Seniors Seminar held in June at the Legion.

CARP splashes into the Highlands

By Matthew Desrosiers

After four months of hard work, Haliburton Highlands CARP Chapter 54 is ready to launch.

Bob Stinson, chair of Chapter 54's steering committee, said work on the new chapter started in mid-April of this year.

"We've been working away ever since [then]," he said. "The first thing we had to do was get a steering committee put together."

The seven-person committee has been working tirelessly over the summer to meet all the necessary obligations to launch the chapter. They have put together a 12-month operating plan, and have also applied for a New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) grant.

"It would keep us pretty busy once we get started if we get accepted for that," Stinson said.

Chapter 54 is designed specifically to accommodate seniors in the Highlands. Due to the large coverage area, Stinson said it is unreasonable to expect members to travel to a central location for regular meetings. Instead, the meetings will travel from one end of the county to the other.

"Our vision is to go out and hold meetings all over the county, and not just in one place," he said.

Stinson hopes to eliminate some of the feelings of isolation seniors feel in the county. In addition to hosting these travelling

meetings, if the chapter is successful in their grant application, they will implement a Community Outreach Program.

"[We'll be] getting out to the community with seminars, and things that will educate people about what's available to them in the service areas," he said.

One of the chapter's priorities will be

computer literacy.

"So many seniors are scared to death about computers," Stinson said. "Not being on the Internet these days is like not having a phone. It's another thing that makes us isolated, so it's important the aging population gets familiar with computers and how to use the Internet."

CARP is a national organization, with approximately 660,000 members according to Stinson. While best known for seniors discounts and benefits, the group has become known as an advocacy group.

It's for this reason Stinson believes bringing a CARP chapter to Haliburton was so important. He said the average age in the Highlands is 57 years old.

"That's very high, compared to anywhere else," he said. "It's one of the highest percentages in Canada. That group of people really needs a voice."

Haliburton Highlands CARP Chapter 54 will be the eyes and ears of the national organization at the ground level, providing information on the issues that are important to seniors living in the Highlands.

Stinson estimated there are currently 200 CARP members in the Highlands who, when the chapter launches on Sept. 13, will also become members of Chapter 54.

"I suspect we can increase that by at least double in a year or so," he said. "Once people see this launch, they'll be happy. They'll get a good idea of how important this is. There's going to be so much going on there, it's going to be exciting."

The launch event is being held on Sept. 13 at the Haliburton Legion on Mountain Street. It runs from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information on CARP, visit www. carp.ca.



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The Computer Guy

Protect your phone and tablet

If you've been reading my column then you should already know the basics of online security: don't send money to a Nigerian prince, don't click on that picture of Britney in a bikini, and don't run your PC without a security suite. Today, we need to protect not only our computers, but also our smartphones and tablets. Fortunately, protecting yourself and all your devices can be easy with the help of some good software. The first step, however, is to understand what threats are out there.

Never forget that your smartphone or tablet is actually a computer in a smaller package. You can surf the web with it, check e-mail, and use it to download and upload documents, photos, mp3s, videos, and software in the form of apps. That's why we love handheld devices. However, it also means they are PCs and are susceptible to attacks. To make matters worse, your phone or tablet can be the seed that carries an attack to all the hardware devices in your network, as well as those of anyone you e-mail, text, or share data with.

There are so many different kinds of threats out there, it can be hard to keep track: worms, botnets, viruses, spyware, phishing... You've probably heard of all of these without knowing exactly what they look like or how they work. They're all basically different types of software threats, known collectively as 'malware', or malicious software.

A worm is malware that is designed to spread itself from computer to computer across the Internet. Once it's in your system, device, or network, it can make your computer perform unwanted actions.

A botnet is malware that turns infected hardware (like your PC or phone) into an unwitting host for its creator.

A virus is self-replicating malware that is **By David** Spaxman

usually attached to legitimate programs or files, so that when you launch the infected program or file, the virus launches too.

Spyware is any type of software that collects information about the user of an infected device. Some spyware can be legitimate, parents or others might install spyware to monitor how a computer is being used.

Phishing is a type of threat that requires you to interact with it. Typically, the purpose of a phishing attack is to collect your information—like your web logins, passwords, and credit card or bank account information.

All of these types of attacks can compromise smartphones and tablets just as readily as they can hit your PC.

Buy a trusted security suite that protects all of your connected devices. Be sure to choose a product that will protect smartphones and tablets in addition to your computer. Considering the number of things we plug into our computers these days—from "thumb" drives to smartphones—having a single, trusted source of protection is a huge advantage.

If you have any questions or comments, e-mail me at computerguy@haliburtonhighlander.ca Happy and safe computing!

Tourism website goes cutting-edge

By Lisa Harrison

The Highlands will have a dynamic new tourism website by Jan. 7, council heard at its Aug. 29 meeting.

The Tourism Development Committee recommended a bylaw be passed authorizing an agreement with The Faren Group, Inc. for a complete redevelopment of the site.

The company was sourced by a committee working group created in May which included Reeve Carol Moffatt; Mike March, information technology coordinator; Tammy Rea, multi-media consultant; Maria Micallef, tourism coordinator; and Jim Wilson, chief administrative officer.

The working group studied the current website and other tourism sites and developed five key requirements: a professional redesign, a content management system (CMS) allowing staff to maintain specific information on a common framework, website and domain name server hosting, maintenance, and launch by Jan. 7, 2013.

The group issued a request for proposals. Of the 12 applicants, four companies were shortlisted for interviews. The committee also checked references and website examples.

Faren emerged as the candidate best able to present the county's tourism information in new and cutting-edge ways

with the strongest marketing expertise, and best able to ensure the site works optimally on various platforms such as computers, smart phones and tablets.

The Vaughan-based company has developed new websites for York Region Tourism, Intercontinental Hotels Group (Canada) Inc. and several municipal libraries. The key designers for the county's project have won awards and had their work inducted into the permanent collection at The Chicago Athenaeum (Museum of Architecture and Design).

"All the [references] that we did contact indicated they certainly would use them again if they were redeveloping their websites," Wilson told council. "They found their service was great and they had a great imagination."

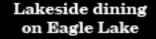
"I spoke to three companies, all of whom were very interested in the work but couldn't find a way to deliver the goods for the approximate budget," said Reeve Barb Reid. "So the fact that we were able to find an organization with the Faren Group's credentials and a willingness to work with us on the financial side is really fantastic. We're very fortunate — it looks like we're going to get a great website."

Faren will create the site using the free WordPress CMS for \$25,700 plus taxes, and will host the site for \$600 plus taxes annually.





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Favourite Reflections

By Barbara Szita-Knight

It's not like we constantly think about it; "it" being our favourite memory at the cottage, but it does pop into our minds every so often. What exactly is our favourite memory? As countless cottage owners can attest, that's a toughie to narrow down.

There are so many happy memories, each special in their own particular way. There's the time we threw a surprise birthday party for my husband. Over 40 people drove up from the city and 21 slept over. Now imagine a tiny cottage overflowing with a few of your favourite relatives and friends. No floor space left available to lie on, the bunkie filled to capacity and tents scattered around the property... that was a milestone event. Or how about the summers we would invite entire hockey teams up for the weekend? You can picture energetic teenage boys dominating the landscape, spilling into the neighbour's cottage to sleep (permission granted of course). That's a lot of tubing for the old speedboat to perform, plus huge amounts of cooking for me with no BBQ. It was memorable nonetheless, but I'm betting probably a lot less memorable for our neighbours.

We possess infinite fond memories, such as cousins reuniting at the cottage partaking in wickedly competitive

Cottage Vignettes

games of Pictionary and Chinese Checkers, which have long become part of our cottage tradition.

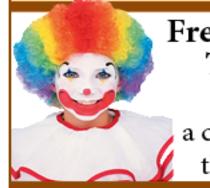
Rainy days made sunny doing crafts with the kids; the exhilarating thrill of getting up on water skis for the first time, and staying up; seeing the look on our children's faces as they witness tadpoles slowly evolving into something entirely new; canoeing through an early morning mist; quietly sitting on the dock, participating in the natural wonder of a sunset; enjoying the beauty of a lake so still it reflects like a mirror; viewing the glorious sight of moonlight dancing off the water; or the serenity felt when the lonesome call of a loon is echoing in the night. Could you pick just one?

Then a change of seasons and winter separates us from our much-loved cottage. But the memories remain and are retold as stories at Christmas or Easter or other gatherings... remember when we did this, or remember when this happened, or remember when we tried to... The laughter is strong and contagious as we 'ooh' and 'ahh' over all the things we have experienced. I sit and smile, and just listen as I realize the joy the cottage brings to many. Then it starts to occur to me that maybe, just maybe, my favourite thing about the cottage is that magic moment when someone says 'remember when'? Indeed I do, every incredible minute of it



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Taking the first steps towards gun ownership

How to get started by acquiring your license

By Matthew Desrosiers

There are many reasons to want a firearm.

Some people like to hunt, others enjoy taking their gun to the range for target practice. Whatever your reason, everyone who wants to either acquire or keep a firearm in Ontario has to go through the same steps.

"First thing, you have to be 18," said Brian Austen, a local firearm safety and hunter education course instructor.

Children as young as 12 are able to take the firearm and hunting courses, however if they want to operate a firearm they must be with a mentor in a hunting situation, Austen said. To be able to purchase and own a gun, you have to have a possession and acquisition license (PAL).

To get the license, applicants can challenge the written and practical tests. If they pass, the results from the test are included in their PAL application. However, because the score required to pass is 80 per cent, Austen said it's not always the best idea to challenge the tests first.

"I've always recommended if you've never handled a firearm or have experience you're better off taking the course," he said.

The minimum required hours for a firearms course is 10 hours. Austen runs a 12-hour program.

"My course usually runs on weekends," he said. "Eight hours on Saturday and four hours on Sunday."

Austen hosts additional courses on Monday and Tuesday

education course. If students show up a bit early on those days, however, he gives additional firearm lessons.

"Some people are brand new and need a little extra help," Austen said. "You don't want them going out of the course not knowing what they're doing. You have to feel good they know what they're doing when they leave."

Once the courses are complete, Austen administers the written and practical tests. The practicals are done one on

"It's a test to prove you've learned what I taught you." Applicants do not need to own their own firearm to take the test, he said.

Once the applicant passes their test, the information is sent to the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) for processing.

"They look it over and do a background check on you,"

If you have a criminal record, especially if it's related to firearms, your license will likely be denied, he said. The results can take four to five weeks to come back to the applicant.

"They'll [results] be certified then," he said. "You can put them in your application for the firearms license, and you'll get one in the mail probably in another five to six weeks."

The entire process can take between eight to 10 weeks, he

In the event you fail either of the tests, Austen said you do not need to re-do the course. Instead, you have the option to challenge the tests again until you pass.

While the firearms course allows for acquisition and possession, it does not mean you're able to use your new gun to hunt.

"Anyone who wishes to hunt in Ontario has to take the

hunter's education course," Austen said. "The only people who can get out of [doing the course are people with] another license from another Canadian jurisdiction."

For people who are new to firearms, the safety course only provides basic information on the different regulations for calibers and gauges, he said.

"That's why the hunter education course is so important," Austen said. "It explains a lot of stuff, like ecology, habitat, gear, safety equipment, survival techniques, first aid and wildlife identification."

"You get a tremendous amount of information."

For those who are interested in hand guns for shooting at the gun range, an additional license is required. Hand guns are classified as restricted firearms. The course is in additional to the PAL.

Austen said the system and process to acquire your permit

"I think it's adequate," he said. "You have to have some knowledge, [but] you'll have to go out and do some different investigation on your own to find out what calibers and different stuff you're going to want to use."

Austen said the firearms and hunter courses are gaining popularity with women.

"About half my courses have women in them," he said. "Women are taking a real interest in the outdoors, more and more so. I've been teaching hunter education for about 24 years, and I think I've only taught one course that didn't have any women in it."

"It's all ages and all sexes."

For more information on the firearms process, visit www. rcmp-grc.gc.ca and navigate to the Canadian Firearms Program section of their website.





Choosing the right ATV for the job

By Lisa Harrison

With hunting season kicking off this month, you may be looking for a new set of wheels to get you safely in and out of the bush.

Heavier-duty ATVs and utility ATVs (UTVs) are increasingly popular options for the job, whether you're transporting one or six people. Many manufacturers are equipping ATVs specifically for hunters, from camouflage paint to gun scabbards.

Power, suspension and handling, ground clearance, storage capacity, seating and comfort are key deciding factors in any ATV purchase, but particularly for hunting when you're likely to be on the machine longer, encountering tougher terrain, and needing greater functionality.

Storage combined with game type is often the best place to start. What type of game are you hunting? Will you want to use built-in cargo space, such as a rear fold-down option, strap it to the racks or tow a trailer?

Some ATV models come with front and rear cargo carrying options called speed racks that will accept that model's gear – hundreds of choices from gun racks to sealable cargo boxes – with the pull of a few pins. It's a great way to stow gear without having to worry about it shifting or even falling off en route.

If you choose to go with a trailer, make sure

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it's as slim as the ATV and not too long to ensure manoeuverability. As with the ATV, watch for ground clearance, and choose high sides to help keep gear dry and secure. Some ATVs accept the same hitch trucks use, eliminating the need for multiple hitches.

Your cargo carrying choice will help determine engine size. Opinions differ on necessary horsepower but anything under 500cc will usually make it tough to get the job done, particularly hauling out larger game. On the other hand, too much horsepower can be dangerous in rough terrain due to unexpected bursts of power, even wheelie popping.

Overall, mid-range engines fit the bill and will be more affordable both in fuel and insurance.

Independent suspension is a top choice as it will handle the rough terrain best while assisting with steering control and providing greater riding comfort. Ideally, look for clearance of 10 inches or more. Power steering is usually a given.

When it comes to seating, model makers are offering single seat, two-up and side-by-side, three-seat, double bench seat and even three-seat double bench models that will carry six people. The latter will also take up to 1,000 pounds of cargo.

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sure to test drive your option for as long as possible making sharp twists and turns to be sure it fits your build and you're not bumping your knee on the gear shift or aching from the position of the handlebars.

Among the wide range of accessories, one of the key pieces you may want to consider is a built-in GPS, as some of these systems will not only save the latitude and longitude

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of your favourite spots but also record your trail to help you find your way back out of the bush.

Whether or not this is your first ATV purchase, consider tapping into your local dealer's expertise for the best fit.

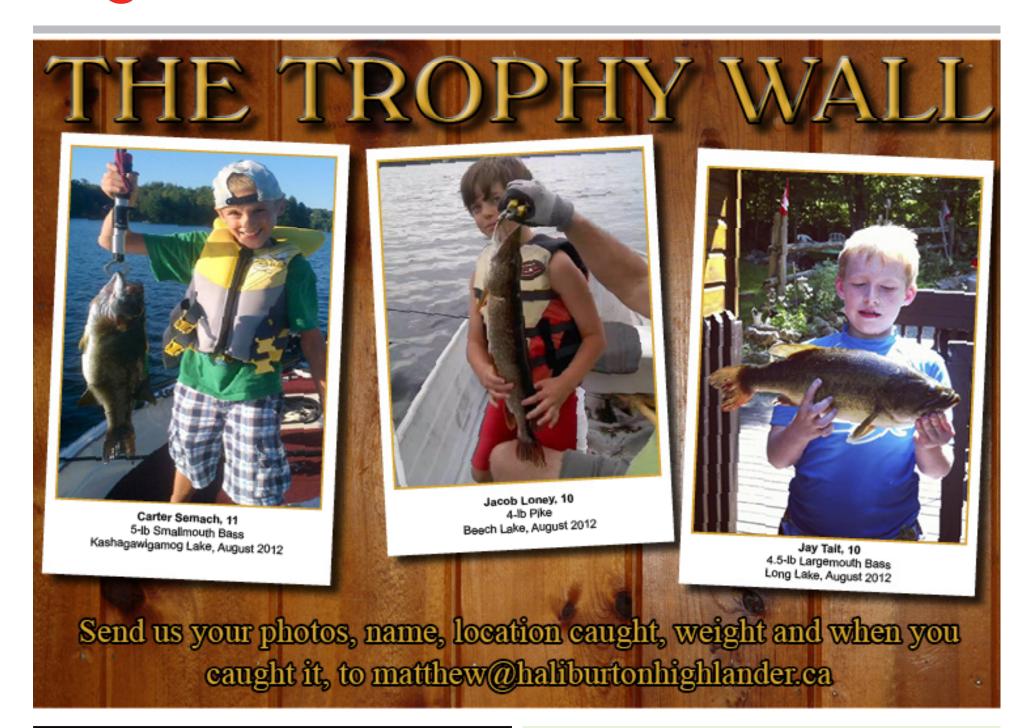
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Ronald Sisson Crayon Crew	1	15	0

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Highlander sports

Haliburton Storm ramps up for another season

By Warren Riley

Fall is on the way and the Ontario Minor Hockey Association is in full swing.

The OMHA is the governing body at the minor hockey level throughout the majority of southern Ontario. Of the 14 'local leagues', the Haliburton Storm Minor Hockey Association (HSMHA) is one of the most active.

As president of the HSMHA, Jamie Dollo of Minden Foodland is proud to be a volunteer and sponsor.

"We try to be involved with kids in the community and have been committed to the Highland Storm since its inception," he said. "I just try to assist in any way I can to the club."

This will be Dollo's second year as president.

"The position of president was available and I stepped up to the plate," he said. "The position in the club does not matter to me. I just want to help the kids out as much as possible".

Dollo said the positive attitude within the committee and other volunteers plays a huge role in the success of the association.

"There are lots of volunteers within the Haliburton Storm club, consisting of sixteen members on the committee, and they all have specific jobs," he said. "Everybody volunteers their time and is doing a good job keeping the kids going. With rep and house teams in the county to be facilitated, the volunteers have their hands full organizing the teams, ice time and the equipment."

One such player who relies on the clubs service and dedication is seven-year-old Nicholas Phippen who will now play in the novice category for the Highland Storm. When asked why he wanted to play hockey, Nicholas said the sport looked cool.

"I tried it and just loved it," he said. "Everybody in my family plays lacrosse but I wanted to play hockey."

Hoping to play centre position for a second year, Phippen wants to excel throughout his hockey career and eventually play for the National Hockey League (NHL) and in a world tournament. The Highland Storm club is giving Nicholas an insight into the world of hockey.

"I don't know how many goals I've scored but I know there were lots," he said. "I have over 50 pucks. Maybe over a hundred. I just play for the fun and to help my team win."

One of his best memories was playing in last year's Port Carling Tournament.

"There were four seconds left in the game and I scored to tie the game," Phippen recalled. "Then seven seconds into overtime I scored the winning goal. That was exciting for me."

"My goal is to be like Matt Duchene."



Photo by Warren Riley

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Nicholas Phippen puts on his Storm jersey and gets ready for the upcoming hockey season.

Group ends season with 12-Mile Lake swim

By Matthew Desrosiers

Swimming across a lake is no easy task.

But for a group of women who challenged
12-Mile Lake on Sept. 1, it was business as

"The swim went very well," said Joleen Thomas, swim organizer. "It is absolutely magical to be in the middle of the lake, head down [doing the] front crawl, my dog at my side, calm water and the sun shining down."

"It's pretty much a perfect place to be."

Thomas is part of a group of adults, and one dog, who communicate on Facebook through the 'Summer Swimming' page. They get together almost every morning during the summer around 7:15 a.m. to swim a mile from Bisset Beach to 12-Mile Church Beach and back

At the end of each swim season, Thomas organizes what she calls 'The Big Swim'.

This year, Thomas, her 10-year-old Labrador Lucie, and seven other swimmers gathered at Wedgewood Marina to swim 4.7 kilometres across 12-Mile Lake.

"[We had] seven boat spotters and Rodger Prince from Wedgewood Marina was on standby if we needed any motorboat support," Thomas said. "The boat traffic was respectful, considering the group was so spread out along the lake for the entire swim."

Wedgewood Marina also allowed the group to use their boat launch and jump off their dock. The Martella family on Maebar Road allowed the group to use their beach at the end of the swim, and to park their vehicles.

"We are very grateful to both of them," Thomas said.

This is the fourth year for the end-of-season swim, she said.

"Originally, 'The Big Swim' was a personal goal for me," Thomas said. "I grew up cottaging at my aunt and uncle's cottage on the lake. I begged a few friends to join me. The first year it was just two of us swimming, one dog and two kayakers."

This year's swim had extra importance to the group, as they swam in honour of a fellow swimmer.

"We are missing Toos Reid this summer," Thomas said. "She is in treatment for Leukemia and we swam with her in our hearts."

There may be some changes coming down the pipe for 'The Big Swim' next year, as some colleagues have suggested Thomas turn the event into a fundraiser.

"I am open to developing it into something bigger if the demand is there and the help," she said. "We swim now to say 'thank you and goodbye' to summer. It's easily manageable for me."

But if you think 4.7 kilometres is too tough, then you may want to rethink joining up next year.

"I have ventured to suggest we try swimming Little Boshkung too, [making it] a two-lake event."

Thomas said the group is open to anyone who wants to join them for a swim, men and women of all levels or abilities.



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Local woman wins \$5,000 canoe

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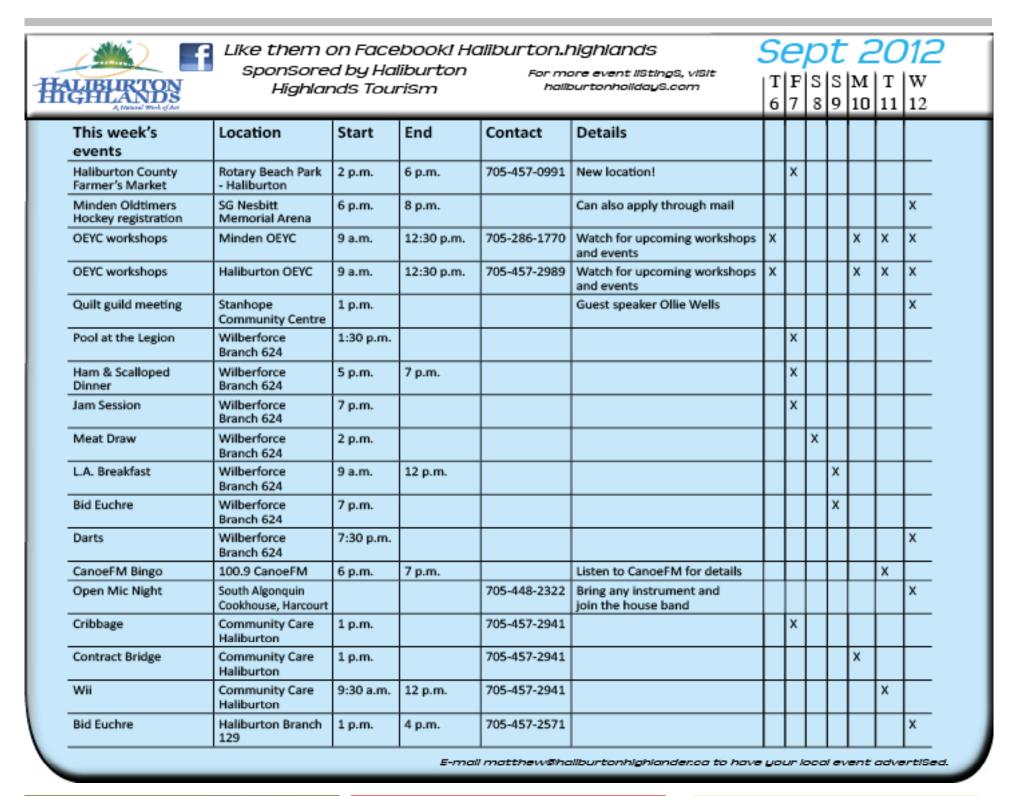
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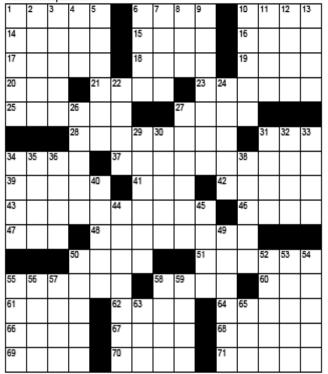
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- 3. Roberts and Clapton
- 4. The I in TGIF
- 5. Sewing tool
- Fairy-tale fiend
- 7. Ear-splitting
- Nosh
- 9. Shakespeare play
- 10. Roaming tribesman
- 11. In the middle of
- 12. Yearn
- Bustle
- 22. Sharp bark
- 24. Swerves
- Hurricane
- 27. Hunting expedition
- 29. Alphabet part
- 30. Tire pattern
- 31. Big Dipper component
- 32. Coastal bird
- 33. Fruit drinks
- 34. Unwanted plant
- 35. Skilled
- Average grades
- 38. Severe
- 40. Choir member
- 44. Impartial
- 45. 365 days
- Showers frozen rain
- 50. Sub finder
- Blue ____ Mountains
- 53. Attempted
- 54. Prophets
- 55. Peruse
- 56. Soothe
- 57. Yew or willow
- 58. Borscht base
- 59. ____ and ends
- 63. Lamb's mom
- 65. Vegas cube

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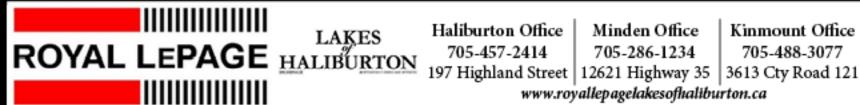




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- 211 ft sand frontage with south exp
 3 lake chain & big lake view



- well maintained cigo/home vanited callings
 Generator installed TURN KEY



Larry Hussey 705-457-2414 ext 23



- detached 2 car garage extensive decking and docking
- natural shoraline
- deep water
 3.39 acres & 187 frontage



- outet motor restricted lake
- private waterfront gradual entry, sand bottom.
- out building could easily be a bunkie
- year round road
- close to amenities



- +1 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,525 sq. ft
- 172 ft clean waterfront, 1,1 acres
- floor to ceiling fireplace, open concept part of 3 lake chain for miles of boating
- bunkie and storage shed

Classic Cottage \$219,900



- 2 bedroom, 1,040 sq. #. home
- 20 x 12 garage
- dose to town screened in porch, covered deck
- 225 ft frontage, 1.34 acres



Chris James* 705-457-2414 ext 25



Long Lake \$229,000

- Well forested with towering pines
- south facing lot has 285 of frontage
- 2.4 acres to ensure privacy
- two lake chain, boating, skiing and fishing
- Haliburton village is close by for shopping



- open concept living/dining & kitchen
- 5 bedrooms for family & friends
- year round private lot exceptionally well maintained cottage/
- Hal Johnson^a 705-286-1234 ext 229



Johnson* 705-457-2414

Pine Lake - \$449,000



- over 2,400 sq ft luxury living
- 4 bedrooms, 3.5 bath
- 3 wallbouts to covered deck
- Ac. laouzal bandwood floors RV/5th wheel hook-up ready



- 172 ft of southwest exposure
- ultimate privacy, clean shoreline
- 5 bdrm custom built year round home
- 2 1/2 attached heated garage
 realti tiered decking, 10 x 10 bunkle
- 3 acres, perennial gardens, waterfalls and more



Diane Knupp' 705-488-3077



- 5 bedroom lexery waterfront, 4,000sf Cathedral ceilings, master with ensuite
- Eitchen with bealt in appliances, granite Pull finished basement w/ family room
- Double car garage, 4 bathrooms
 220 feet of pristine wade-in shoreline



- 340' clean deep water, exceptional privacy beat house, 2 docks, lounge dack
- cathedral cellings, master w/ensuite
- granite fireplace, wood floors, spacious
- 12 X 30 screened room, great views!

Carnaryon Bowl \$149,900



- high visibility highway intersection.
- turn key set-up
- restaurant and banquet hall 6 lanes of 5 pin bowling consistent cash flow opportunity
- 2,240 sq. ft. steel building

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Irondale River \$275.000

- 1,300 sq ft open concept, 3 bedroom
- cathedral callings, hardwood floors propane fireplace in living rm 8: master b drm includes stainless steel appliances private 5,000 sq ft stone patto at the water



upgraded high efficiency oil furnace

2315 Loop Road \$129.900

3 bedroom in town home walkout basement

large back yard.





one acre level lot

3 phase hydro, year round access

ideal business opportunity lots of room for future expansion

Lorri Roberts* 705-457-2414 ext 43



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Turn Key set up needy to exjoy

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3 bedroom, open concept

new dock & woodstove

turn key ready to enjoy

completely furnished







completely finished